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**LARGE FLEET  
AT T WHARF.**

**Thirty-Seven Vessels With Fish  
at Boston This Morning.**

There are 37 vessels with fresh fish fares at T wharf this morning. Hake seems to predominate in most of the trips, but nevertheless several of the crafts have nice lots of haddock. Cod continues in light receipts and there is quite a lot of pollock in. All in all the day will be a satisfactory one for dealers, skippers and fishermen as well, for the former have enough fish to begin the week on in good shape and the latter are getting good prices for their catches.

The steam trawler Spray is the headliner today, as she has been many times in the past few months, her haul being 70,000 pounds of new haddock and a few cod and hake. There is good money in that trip all right, as the fish are all new and will bring the top of the market.

A few of the Georges and South Channel fleet are in with fair trips, but the most of the arrivals are from the market fleet, these latter finding a lot of hake and but few haddock and cod.

Schs. Terra Nova and Robert and Arthur, of the off shore fleet, the former with 40,000 and the latter with 43,000 pounds, have the largest fares outside of the big one brought in by the Spray. The pollock fares run from 8000 to 15,000 pounds. Among the market boats with good fares are schs. Massasoit, Elizabeth W. Nunan, Evelyn L. Thompson, Hortense, Victor and Ethan, Matchless, Washakie, Harriet, Ida S. Brooks and Matiana.

Haddock are bringing \$3 to \$3.50, large cod \$5.50 to \$6.50, markets \$3.50 \$4.50, hake, \$1.15 to \$2.25, pollock \$1.50 to \$1.55 and cusk \$3.

The fares and prices in detail are:

**Boston Arrivals.**

- Sch. Seaconnet 2000 haddock, 5000 cod, 9000 hake.
- Sch. Ralph Russell, 1000 haddock, 5500 cod, 1500 pollock.
- Sch. A. C. Newhall, 1800 haddock, 2000 cod, 12,000 hake, 4000 cusk.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 8000 haddock, 6500 cod.
- Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 800 haddock, 1500 cod, 15,000 hake, 1200 cusk.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 1000 haddock, 1500 cod, 14,000 hake.
- Sch. Massasoit, 4000 haddock, 3500 cod, 14,000 hake, 4000 pollock.
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 1000 haddock, 3000 cod, 30,000 hake, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Emerald, 3000 cod, 8000 pollock.
- Sch. Reliance, 9000 pollock.
- Sch. Esther Gray, 10,000 pollock.
- Sch. Albert W. Black, 1000 haddock, 2500 cod, 12,000 hake.
- Sch. Manomet, 2500 haddock, 2200 cod, 15,000 hake, 4000 cusk.
- Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 8000 haddock, 5000 cod, 600 hake.
- Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 1200 haddock, 2200 cod, 35,000 hake.
- Sch. Hortense, 2000 cod, 22,000 hake, 3000 cusk.
- Sch. Terra Nova, 23,000 haddock, 2900 cod, 15,000 hake.
- Sch. Victor and Ethan, 28,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1200 hake.
- Sch. Grace Darling, 1200 haddock, 4500 cod, 800 hake, 800 pollock.
- Sch. Matchless, 13,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 8000 hake.
- Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 15,000 pollock.
- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 11,000 pollock.
- Sch. Edward A. Rich, 15,000 pollock.
- Sch. Hattie L. Trask, 12,000 pollock.
- Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 9000 pollock.
- Steamer Spray, 70,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Robert and Arthur, 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 7000 hake.
- Sch. Washakie, 24,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 16,000 hake.
- Sch. Harriet, 18,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Philip P. Manta, 7000 haddock, 8500 cod, 8000 hake, 5000 pollock.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 16,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Matiana, 18,000 haddock, 1800 cod, 3500 hake.

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Sch. Lochovar, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake.  
Sch. Edith Silveria, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Alice, 2000 haddock, 1900 cod, 12,000 hake, 500 cusk.  
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hake, \$1.15 to \$2.25; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.55; cusk, \$3.

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**Must Change Mode of Employing  
Fishermen.**

The Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star says:

"According to outside papers great destitution prevails on the Labrador and much hardship will result this winter unless the conditions of the inhabitants is ameliorated to a certain extent.

"The time is coming when the Labrador fishermen will refuse to longer engage in the fishery on a purely speculative basis. Whether the fishery is a failure or not the men must be paid for their labor and if employers want to prosecute this precarious industry they must be prepared to put up the cash, whether successful or not. Then we shall hear less of tales of destitution and of men not being able to pay their fares home on account of the failure of the fisheries.

**Lunenburg Fish Notes.**

A cablegram reports the schooner Goldie Bell arrived at Porto Rico from Mahone Bay with a cargo of fish and lumber.

The banking sch. Calavera is at Mahone Bay with 300 quintals of fish, taken on her fall trip.

Sch. Alice Gertrude cleared Wednesday for the banks on a fall fishing trip.

J. Ernst Sons are building a fine steamer for themselves at their yard at Mahone Bay. The vessel is intended to ply between Halifax and Mahone. Ernst will likely soon begin work on the construction of a steamer of 120 feet keel for the men at Rivieredu Loup who bought the old Mahone a year ago.

Sch. Vernie May is at Mahone Bay with 200 quintals of fish, taken on the banks.

**Columbia River Salmon Fishers Make  
Big Money.**

Certainly these men who catch salmon in the Columbia river make good money. So far as reported, the "high boat" among the gillnetters, that is the one making the largest catch during the past fishing season, was A. Nissen, who is employed by the Eureka cannery. He caught 18½ tons of fish, which netted him about \$2500, and 16 tons of these were taken before July 1. J. Nissen, who also works for the Eureka cannery, caught 14 tons, that brought him in the neighborhood of \$2000 for the season's work. Another gillnetter who did remarkably well was Peter Dicklich, who fishes for Phil McDonough, of Bear Cliff. His string amounted to \$2001.62.

**Dominion Fish Reports for Monday.**

Port La Tour—Herring fair; other branches dull.

Liverpool—Weather unfavorable for fishing, 80 barrels mackerel shipped today; (Am.) fishing vessel Rhodora in for shelter.

Lockeport—Cod and herring plenty.

Lunenburg—One trap Saturday had 400 mackerel; banker Gladys B. Smith in with 400 qtls., fall trip.

Queensport—Few mackerel taken today; cod, hake and haddock scarce.

Arichat—One boat reported 20 mackerel.

Ingonish—Cod and squid fair; dogfish very plentiful; no herring.

**Strange Fish Captured.**

A fish unknown to science, combining the characteristics of the shark and the pilot fish, was landed in New Orleans, on October 3, frozen in a block of ice and preserved for research. The unclassified specimen had the head of a pilot fish, while the belly, tail and skin were those of a shark. The fins, however, were different from those of a man-eater. The fish was three feet long, and weighed 15 pounds. It was caught by Captain David Pitre in the Gulf of Mexico, near Point-au-Faire, at the mouth of the Atchafalaya river.

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**Not Finding Mackerel.**

The Italian boats did not strike any mackerel yesterday or this morning, as up to 10.30 o'clock none had been landed at Fort wharf. Most of the boats are over on the other side of the bay and it looks as if the schools had eluded them for a time at least.

**HALIBUT AT BAY OF ISLANDS**

**Gloucester and Boston Parties Said to  
be Making Investigations.**

A gentleman from Boston was in Bay of Islands last week looking over the prospects for halibut fishing in these waters. He is prepared to invest a large sum of money in erecting a fishing station here and states that some of the largest fish dealers in Boston and Gloucester are interested in the enterprise. He has already secured contracts with several hundred fishermen on the coast, to fish for him and he expects if all goes well, to have the enterprise in full swing in a short time. Halibut is remarkably plentiful around this coast, but no attempt is made to dispose of the fish. At Burgeo halibut fishing is quite a remunerative business, but in this vicinity it is entirely neglected. The promoter of the enterprise went to St. John's Friday to consult the government with a view of securing a 100-ton steamer for the business.—Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star.

**Poor Fishing Along Cape Breton Coast.**

John A. Neville, of Halifax, who is now in Sydney, after visiting the fishing stations of his firm along Cape Breton coast, speaks in a rather remarkable way of the present condition of the fisheries. The fall season, he says, is practically a failure, nothing that could be called fishing has been accomplished for the past month in many localities. It is almost an impossibility to secure bait, and what bait there is to be had yields very little in the way of a catch.

There is usually an abundance of cod and mackerel at this season of the year, but practically none of these fish are now being taken, and the season is recognized as one of the worst in years.

Dogfish are now particularly destructive to the mackerel fishing. They are spoiling so many nets that the fishermen hardly think it worth while to set them out, although a possible remedy has been discovered by an old Gabarus veteran. He puts out a net so torn by dogfish that he did not expect any results worth mentioning, but he gathered about eighty mackerel, the holes being so big that the dogfish mostly slipped through, although they undoubtedly ate many of the mackerel which had been entangled.

In one fleet of nets set out at Gabarus recently nearly 200 dogfish were caught.

Mr. Neville has information that the Marine Department is now at work on a proposal for the establishment of fish hatcheries all along the Nova Scotia coast. These matters will be laid before Parliament, and it is expected that it will be possible to commence the erection of the hatcheries in the spring.

**Germany and British Herring.**

It is not in the matter of Drednaughts alone that the Germans are giving the British people a bad scare. According to a recent Scotch exchange, a good deal of apprehension exists among those engaged in the herring industry, for there is more than a likelihood that the Teutons will put a prohibitive duty on herring exported from British ports when she has increased her catching powers, so as to be able to supply her own people with fish. At present Germany is only too glad to have British herring, for she has not the catching resources that this country has. But this is rapidly being remedied by the construction of a fleet of steam drifters, which, with the aid and encouragement of the government is added to annually.

Hitherto, although the danger of this has been hinted at, there has been nothing very tangible with which to convince the sceptics. A few weeks ago, however, a discussion took place in the Reichstag, in the course of which a complaint was made that the German fisheries suffered much from foreign competition, and that the evasion of the duty on herring by British exporters seriously affected the German fishermen. The government, however, naturally declined to increase the duty for the present, for that would tend to make herring dear in the country, because its own fishing fleet is not yet in a position to make good the deficiencies in British supplies which might arise as the result of a higher duty. When the Germans are able to cope with the demand of their market, it will be another matter and many fear that the day is not far distant.



## NO HERRING AT BAY OF ISLANDS

### Gloucester Fleet May Not Start Before November 1.

Advices received here Sunday from Bay of Islands, N. F., states that there is no signs of herring there yet this season and no reports of any body of fish coming down the west coast.

The fleet from this port is late in starting this season, the vessel owners being of the idea that it will be November 1 before they will start any of their crafts down that way for salt herring cargoes.

Some of the crafts are having their salt put in and others going on the ways, preparing to getting ready for their trips, but it now looks as though it would be November 1 all right before any of them get away. Last year and the year before, the first vessels got away about October 15. The vessel owners here are in constant daily touch with Bay of Islands and will have advices as soon as herring are reported up the coast or in the bay.

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### PROVES FATAL TO FISH.

#### Thousands of Dead Salmon Line Puget Sound After Artillery Practice.

As a reason for the presence of the thousands of dead salmon dotting many miles of the shore line of lower Puget sound, fishermen of that section attribute the cause to the heavy cannonading over the sound waters by big guns of forts Worden, Casey and Flagler.

Artillery officers are now concluding an annual target practice as required by army regulations. Among the principal exercises applied is the discharge of the 10 and 12-inch mortar and rifle batteries, with full service projectiles. For this charges of smokeless powder weighing several hundred pounds are required. The concussion afterward affects a large area of water and land.

Experts who have investigated what they say is a serious situation affecting the life of salmon in lower sound waters say the effect on fish has been noted following target practice during several summers.—New York World.

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### Portland Fish Notes.

Taking advantage of the favorable weather of Saturday the fishermen were out in full force and several good catches were made on Jeffries' Bank. The schooners George H. Lubee and Sylvia Nunan each made a haul of over 25,000 pounds of mixed fish, which the skippers will ship to Boston, where prices are a little above the Portland market, cod and haddock selling there on Saturday at 5 cents per pound on the wharf, with a good demand.

Sch. Mary Edith came in with 10,000 pounds of mixed fish, and the sch. Eva and Mildred with an equal amount; while the sch. Isa and Beulah brought a fare of lobsters to N. F. Trefethen Co.

The herring catchers are also reaping a harvest just now, over 600 barrels being brought in Saturday, the Portland Cold Storage Co., taking out most of the lot. A big amount was expected to be landed Monday as the weather conditions Sunday night were perfect and the whole fleet were out. The sardine packers to the eastward are working overtime in their factories, and a good amount of business is also being done at the South Portland factory.

The abundance of herrings down in the Broad cove neighborhood is a continuing attraction to the fishing fleet that is properly equipped with seines and boats for netting them. The fishing is done at night and the fleet starts from the wharves the latter part of the afternoon and returns the following morning. Sunday the steamer Althea, Capt. McKeown, landed 115 barrels as the result of one night's fishing. The herrings which average not more than four inches long, are used in the sardine canneries. The cannery over on the South Portland shore is running at full capacity day and night and thousands of barrels of fish are being shipped to the Eastport and Lubec canneries while the run lasts.

## TWO FISHING ARRIVALS HERE.

### But Little Doing Along the Water Front.

Fishing arrivals are still aggravatingly few and far between only two arrivals with fish being reported this morning.

Yesterday afternoon, the first of the North Bay seining fleet returned, sch. Victor putting in an appearance with 37 barrels of salt mackerel. Capt. McFarland's report tallies with the recent ones which have appeared in the Times, of the doings of the fleet down there and he emphasizes the fact that the long spell of bad weather, following a fine day's fishing by several of the fleet, was undoubtedly responsible for the failure of the fleet to do well as a whole, for he thinks had the good weather held just about then the vessels could surely have had good fishing as there was a good body of fish there.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith came in this morning from the eastward with 25,000 pounds of fresh fish, her skipper reporting very bad weather.

Sch. Addie M. Story, which came in yesterday morning from down east had 75,000 pounds of green fish.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Victor, North Bay, seining, 37 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Western Bank, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Harriet, via Boston.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.  
Sch. Grace Darling, via Boston.  
Sch. Edith Silveria, via Boston.  
Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, shore.  
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.  
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, via Boston.  
Sch. Reliance, shore.  
Sch. Little Fanny, shore.  
Sch. Georgianna, shore.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Atalanta, Newfoundland, salt herring.  
Sch. Manhassett, haddocking.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.  
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, haddocking.  
Sch. Rebecca, haddocking.  
Sch. Pythian, pollocking.  
Sch. Almeida, pollocking.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, pollocking.  
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, pollocking.  
Sch. Esther Gray, pollocking.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Handline Georges cod, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Trawl Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.25.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.70 per cwt.; medium, \$3.37.  
Drift Georges cod, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Eastern double dory salt handline cod, \$3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.55 for mediums.  
Bank halibut 11 cents per lb. right through for white and gray.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.  
Salt haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Salt hake, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Dory handline cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Swordfish, 14 cts. per lb.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish:  
Western cod, large, \$2.25 per cwt.; medium, \$1.75.  
Eastern cod, large, \$1.90 per cwt.; medium, \$1.55; snappers, 60 cts.  
Western bank cod, large, \$2.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$1.65.  
Cusk, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50 cts.  
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.15 per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

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#### Knocked Unconscious by Halibut.

Mario Salvatore, one of the T wharf Italian boat fishermen, captured a 250-pound halibut near Boston light recently by keeling his boat over after he had towed the fish alongside. As the fish flopped in, the tail struck the fisherman on the head, rendering him unconscious, until picked up by some fellow countrymen some time later, whose attention was attracted by seeing the dory float about aimlessly.

## GOOD MARKET FOR HADDOCK AND COD

### But Other Fish Are in Little Demand in Boston.

Boston's fish story this morning is soon told; just a baker's dozen of crafts in, six of them pollockers, and no real big fares to tell about in the whole lot.

Haddock and cod are in very light receipt, though there is quite a bunch of hake and some of the pollockers have pretty good catches. The market is fine for haddock and cod, but pollock and hake are off, the latter selling at from \$1.15 to \$1.85, while pollock are down to \$1.50 and \$1.60. Haddock are going at from \$3 to \$3.50 and large cod touched the \$7 mark, some selling at \$5.25.

The fares and prices in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 15,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 7000 hake.  
Sch. Yankee, 4500 haddock, 15,000 cod, 7000 hake, 3000 cusk.  
Sch. Galatea, 19,000 pollock.  
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Winnifred, 15,000 pollock.  
Sch. Volant, 20,000 pollock.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 1500 haddock, 4000 cod, 42,000 hake.  
Sch. George H. Lubee, 500 haddock, 2500 cod, 33,000 hake.  
Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 20,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Louisa R. Silva, 14,000 haddock, 7500 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 17,000 pollock.  
Sch. Juniata, 17,000 pollock.  
Sch. Azorean, 9000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.25 to \$7; market cod, \$4 to \$5.25; hake, \$1.15 to \$1.85; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.60.

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#### Herring Receipts at Portland.

Herring receipts were liberal at Portland Friday, the steamers Pet. Elthier, E. N. Brown and Dolphin all coming in, in addition to about a dozen other of the smaller sized boats. The aggregate of the catch was over 440 barrels, including 125 barrels brought from Yarmouth in the scow Ula, which was towed down by the Lottie and May.

#### Trawl Bank Cod Advanced.

Salt trawl bank cod took a good sized jump, both on large and medium yesterday, when the fare of the salt shaker Vanessa sold, after quite spirited bidding, to George Perkins & Son, at \$3.70 per hundred weight for large and \$3.37 for mediums. The last previous sales were \$3.55 for large and \$3.20 for medium.

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#### Dogfish by its Own Name Good Eating.

Dogfish are good to eat, just as good served as "dogfish" as they are labelled in cafes as "ocean whitefish," "sea bass," or "Japanese halibut," according to Dr. Irving Field of the United States Fish Commission.

The pure food law frowns on dogfish being called by any other name, but the Fish Commission has been experimenting with the fish and has determined that its edibility is excellent. Dr. Field urges in view of present high food prices that the public eat dogfish and not feel at all finical about the name. Dogfish is declared to be almost as good as salmon, and practically indistinguishable from halibut.

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#### LITTLE BAIT HERE TODAY.

#### But Over 120 Barrels Was Secured by Torchers and Traps Yesterday.

There was not fresh bait enough here this morning to speak about, but yesterday there was quite a bunch, for during the forenoon the trap boats came down with 96 barrels and the late torchers brought over enough to make up a little rising 120 barrels and it all went quickly.

The trap goods were the big herring and the Heath trap was more than in it for a big day's work, having a haul of 83 barrels, an unusually big catch.